CLAIMS:

1. A method of indicating loading status of application views in an electronic device, the method comprising:

providing a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device;

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detecting a start of an application view loading function;

indicating information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active; and

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displaying the loaded application view and ending the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area, when the application view loading function ends.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relating to the application view loading function comprises information on the status, rate, the progress or duration of the application view loading function.

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3. The method of claim 1, the method comprising displaying the floatable control area at least partly over the application views shown on the display.

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4. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising providing a control block for interrupting the loading function in the floatable control area when the loading function is in process; interrupting the loading function on the basis of a detected control command from the control block for interrupting the loading function; and ending the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the loading function is interrupted.

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5. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising providing in the floatable control area a control block for changing the location of the floatable control area; and changing the location of the floatable control area on the basis of detected control commands from the control block for changing the location of the floatable control area.

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6. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising providing control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions in the floatable control area.

5   7. The method of claim 4, the method further comprising hiding the control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions when the application view is loading.

8. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising displaying

10   the floatable control area semi-transparently on the display.

9. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising displaying outlines of the floatable control area on the display.

15   10. An electronic device comprising:

a control unit for controlling functions of electronic device,

a display for showing application views coupled to the control unit, and

an input device for giving control commands coupled to the control

20   unit,

wherein the control unit is configured to provide a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device on the display, detect a start of an application view loading function, indicate information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area

25   when the application view loading function is active, and when the application view loading function ends, display the loaded application view and end the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area.

30   11. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the information relating to the application view loading function comprises information on the status, rate, progress or duration of the application view loading function.

12. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is fur-

35   ther configured to display the floatable control area at least partly over the application views shown on the display.

13. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to provide a control block for interrupting the loading function in the floatable control area when the loading function is in process; interrupt the loading function on the basis of a detected control command from the control block for interrupting the loading function; and end the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the loading function is interrupted.

14. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to provide in the floatable control area a control block for changing the location of the floatable control area; and change the location of the floatable control area on the basis of detected control commands from the control block for changing the location of the floatable control area.

15. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to provide control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions in the floatable control area.

16. The electronic device of claim 15, wherein the control unit is further configured to hide the control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions when the application view is loading.

17. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to display the floatable control area semi-transparently on the display.

18. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to display outlines of the floatable control area on the display.

19. A computer program product encoding a computer process for indicating loading status of application views in an electronic device, the computer process comprising:

providing a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device;

detecting a start of an application view loading function;

indicating information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active; and

when the application view loading function ends displaying the
5   loaded application view and ending the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area.

20. An electronic device comprising

controlling means for controlling functions of a user interface,
10   displaying means for showing application views, and

input means for giving control commands,

the controlling means being further configured to provide a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device on the display, detect a start of an application view loading function, indicate in-
15   formation relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active, and when the application view loading function ends, display the loaded application view and end the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area.

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